

## Dear Friends,

We are New England Yearly Meeting second, third, and fourth graders gathered at Castleton State University in Vermont August 5th through 10th, 2017. There are 21 of us. Our theme is transformation. We did many activities around our theme. We transformed milk, sugar, and many more ingredients into delicious ice cream. We transformed beans, rice, and lentils into mandala art. We transformed pipe cleaners into sculptures that describe ourselves. We listed transformations we know about, like trees into houses. We transformed yarn into a giant web, and it looked like a spider web. We transformed our handprints into a beautiful mural. We transformed kids into words! We made the words Peace on Earth. We did many sports like capture the flag, kickball, and JYM ball. By the end of the week, our group had transformed into a community of friends.

Peace from New England Yearly Meeting, The second, third, and fourth grade JYM group